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1. Contract payments on obligations of the Reichsbahn were suspended around 25 May 1950. This measure was invoked in order to save liquid funds for the reportedly heavy expenses in connection with the FDJ Deutschlandtreffen. On 13 June 1950, disbursements on contract obligations were again restored.
2. All employees of the Reichsbahn having anything whatever to do with the west mark income and expenditures of the railway system have been brought together to work in one room under strict control. Irrespective of which department they are employed by, they are required to work in this one room only.
3. In the Soviet Sector railway station at Greifswalderstrasse, Berlin, is housed the so-called "E-3" section of the railway police. The chief of this group is Commissioner Strathmeier. Section "E-3", however, is a cover title for the K-5 police.
4. The Reichsbahn coal supply is at present considered satisfactory.
5. At the close of each week, 16 loaded box cars are pulled from the Toepchin powder factory and picked up for a Russia-bound train. According to regulations, trains hauling explosives must display a yellow flag, and cars containing the explosives must have this clearly indicated. On these weekend movements however, no markings are permitted to show the nature of the cargo. A special diesel locomotive, constructed to prevent the emission of any sparks, is used to pull the loaded cars off the magazine siding and away from the powder plant. Recently this engine had broken down; but, in spite of the hazard, the Russians ordered a coal-burning steam locomotive dispatched to move the cars.

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